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CAPTAIN JIM BURGE and victorious Big Red team accept Eighteenth District Tournament Championship trophy.

Apollo, Bacchus, Venus Lure Students Southward

Horace Greeley didn't get his point across to the Senior Class when he said "Go West, young man, go West." With a few exceptions, (notably Mike McCotter and Bill Wilson who are headed for California, and George Apffel and Joe Strayhorn who are headed for Amherst, Princeton, and the grave of Hester Prynne) the class of '66 will be taking southward en masse for a pleasant week's sojourn in a more sunny clime. Adhering to the old maxim "All work and no play etc.," the Seniors believe that after five months of extremely hard play they deserve a rest.

According to the Senior Class Spring Standard Statistics, compiled painstakingly (if not accurately) by the authors, approximately exactly 66.666666...% of the Class (42 out of 63) are disseminating themselves in various directions from MBA. Of this 42, approximately 88.1% are migrating southward. Of these 37, approximately 94.6% are invading the Sunshine State of Florida. Of these 35, 94.3% are invading Daytona Beach, and of those 33, 100% are entrenching themselves within the walls of the Riviera Motel.

It goes without saying that at least 100% of those vagabond vacationers plan to immerse themselves within the Lethe River and to come forth in a state of sweet oblivion, having been purged of all past memories of sufferings in their former life. They also hope that once there, they can forget MBA and have a little bit of fun.

Among these latent libertines in the Land of Sand will be such personages as William McPheeters Bradley, whose spirit has been in Florida since last September; "President Mike" Howard, trying to maintain order among his mindless companions; James F. Cook, shrieking "Eeey" at all hours of the day and night; Hoot Sarraatt, attempting to set the World's Record for Endurance Without Sleep, while catching up on his French, English, and

memorization of lines for the play; Alf Sharp, browning in the sun; Alex Nicholson, planning to go away richer than he came; and Glin Williamson (County) (Buk) (The Outcast of Poker Flat) Jones, trying to force a showdown game with The Cincinnati Kid. Both Jones and Nicholson, along with countless other juniors and Seniors, will spend much of their time trying to prevent George Duncan from going home once he gets ahead.

Other Sunbound Seniors include Ted Moats and Mike Rose, popular favorites in the Florida Point Derby; Tom Pritchett, Carter Steele, and Dick Douglas, eagerly seeking some 98-pound weakling in whose face they may kick sand; John Waggoner and Tom Gambill, enthralled by the vibrant atmosphere of the Boardwalk; Pug Seoville and Scott Birmingham who will add their carcasses to Beaches of the Land of Sand; and Bill Tyne, who will be seeking to elude the Daytona Beach Police who are sure to accuse him of cutting doughnuts in the hard-packed sand with the Potent Ponton.

Another formidable group of Sun worshippers is comprised of Woodie Husband and Geoff Braden, who will be looking for a 198-pound weakling into whose face they may kick sand. Tommy Hoover, trying to promote his record; Tommy DeMoss, trying to cure his Oedipus complex with fresh salt air; Nat Carswell, George Bastche, and Howell Warner, trying to become responsible human beings while acting totally irresponsible; and Phil Mayes who will be engaging in a variety of indoor and outdoor sports and describing each for THE BELL RINGER.

In the boundary situation is a group of hardcourt stalwarts including Co-captains Jimmy Burge and Greer Cummings, Big Sam Cowan, Little James Webb, and Goose Loftin, who may get to the Sunny Shores if they do not con-

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Netters Cop District Crown

Having completed their most successful season in over a decade by winning eight out of their final ten games (ironically both losses were to Ryan), the MBA cagers went into the 18th district tournament as the fourth-seeded team with a 17-8 overall record. This record included wins over West, BGA, and East, three perpetually tough teams. For the first time in seven years the Big Red drew a bye for the opening round of the tournament and prepared to meet Cohn in the quarter finals.

The opening tipoff was controlled by MBA who immediately took a 3-0 lead on a three-point play by Jim Burge. Methodically the Big Red began to pulverize the hapless Knights as Cummings and company took control of both boards. At the end of the first quarter MBA led the Knights 14-5.

Second quarter action was dominated by the offensive action of Jerry (Goose) Loftin who had scored 12 points by the end of the half. The Big Red slowly widened the lead in the second half as Elliott Jones and David Hyatt connected for a total of 21 points. The final score was 59-41 as the cagers from the Hill advanced to the semifinals.

The first quarter belonged entirely to Elliott Jones and David Hyatt who scored 17 points between

them. At the end of the first quarter MBA was ahead 21-10. Second-quarter action was dominated by Goose Loftin and Greer Cummings who scored 15 of the cagers' 17 points for the quarter.

In the second half of the game, the fabulous five increased their lead to 23 points and emerged the winner by the score of 69-46. Second-half standouts were Jim Burge with his great rebounding and defensive play, and Larry Herbert with his amazing accuracy at the free-throw line. Big Jim Webb, famous for his last-second shots, scored on a jump shot as the game ended. According to scorekeeper Tommy DeMoss, MBA hit forty-five percent of its shots from the floor. The Big Red was now in the championship game for the 18th district crown. Their opponent was Archfiend Father Ryan, who had beaten West 40-34.

Ryan took the opening tipoff, but MBA's defense forced the Irish to take a bad shot which they missed. Jim Burge swept the board, and passed off to Jerry Loftin, who went on in for a lay-up. Ryan scored, and the lead changed hands several times until just at the end of the quarter. MBA was leading 17-16 when Greer Cummings swished a fifty-five foot hook shot to put the Big Red ahead 19-16 at the end of the quarter.

Again Ryan was outscored by the sharpshooting Big Red, this time 14-10 in second period action. The first half ended with MBA leading Ryan by seven points, 33-26. MBA hit 54% of its first-half shots, compared with Ryan's 33%.

In the fourth quarter, Ryan made its first serious pass of the evening and pulled within four points, 53-49. The Ryan defense began committing fouls, and Jim Burge hit both shots of a one-and-one attempt to widen the gap to six points. Ryan never moved closer, thanks to the defensive play of Larry Herbert and Phil Englert, who were playing for Hyatt and Jones, who had both fouled out. As the final gun sounded, MBA was ahead 61-54 and was the 18th district champion. Jerry Loftin was high scorer with 24 points (rumors state that he outscored a nationally ranked basketball team, but these were taken as wild unsupported statements). He was followed by Elliott Jones with 15.

The 18th district crown was not the only honor the cagers received that night. MBA was the only team in the district to place two players on the all-tournament team. These individual honors went to Elliott Jones and Jerry Loftin for their outstanding play throughout the tournament.

NEW LAURELS:

Orators Argue to Litton Win

Despite lack of practice and lack of invitations to local tournaments, the MBA forensic team has shown great strength in several recent contests. On Saturday, February 26, the varsity debaters (Bill Terry, George Duncan, Bob Bryant, and Bill Barton) along with the two novice teams (Henry Walker and Steve Neff, and Tom Holman with Jerry Greer) traveled to Isaac Litton High School for their annual invitational debate tournament. Schools represented at this meet came from as far away as Knoxville, Tennessee and LaRue County, Kentucky. The team of Duncan and Terry, debating both sides of the topic, Resolved: that the Federal Government should adopt a program of compulsory arbitration in Labor-Management disputes in the Basic Industries, captured the first place award in the varsity division. The dynamic duo amassed a total score of 194 speaker points in the four rounds to capture the team's first award of the season. Duncan finished with 101 speaker points, the second highest total awarded at the meet.

MBA's future stars shown brightly in the novice ranks also. The negative team of Jerry Greer and Tom Holman was awarded a second-place trophy for their efforts. Henry Walker and Steve Neff, the affirmative contestants, participating in their first debates, received an honorable mention rating. (They would have won first place in their division had not the



HAWKEYE BILL TERRY and Smilin' George Duncan display icy poise and cool detachment that enabled them to capture first-place debate trophy.

Off The Hill:

ALUMNI NEWS

by Doug Neff

1927

Mr. Robert Worrall is one of the members of MBA's fantastic "point-a-minute" teams of 1926 and 1927. In his last two years, the football teams were unscathed and, needless to say, won all of their games. Mr. Worrall also played basketball at MBA and when he went to Seawannee, continued to play both sports. For a short time after college he was in the coal business, but during the Depression he began the first of 13 years in the Internal Revenue Service. In 1958, the County Court Clerk, Mr. Cobb, died and Mr. Worrall was elected to that position which he has held ever since.

1947

Mr. Sanford S. Webb, now in the construction business here in Nashville, is one of a number of MBA graduates of this period whose education was interrupted by World War II. Mr. Webb went into the Marine Corps in 1943 and was not released until December of 1945. He played football here at MBA and upon graduation went to Alabama. His education was once again stopped because of the death of his father, so Mr. Webb returned to run the construction company where he has been ever since. Married to the former Beverly Wallace, he has three children—two at Hillsboro and one at West Meade—and serves as a Scoutmaster for his youngest son's Cub pack.

Another member of the Class of '47 is Mr. Ken Goodpasture. At MBA, he was secretary of his sophomore, junior, and senior classes and as a senior was captain of the football team. He went to Davidson where he was president of SAE fraternity and a track star (he ran the 100-yd. dash in 9.8, a record which stood for years). Offered a scholarship to North Carolina, he declined in order to study law at Vanderbilt. Mr. Goodpasture was first in his law class and decided at that point to go into the ministry. At Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., he earned his B.D. degree and stayed on for a time as an assistant to the President. He then went to the University of Edinburgh in Scotland where he earned his Ph.D. For 5½ years he was President of a missionary college in Lisbon, Portugal, and just last year was offered and accepted an assistant professorship at Union. Mr. Goodpasture married a Dane, Miss Ellen Mueller, and has two children, Catherine, 8, and Phillip, 5.

1950

At MBA, Mr. Charles Hawkins, III, was a member of the Monogram Club by virtue of his accomplishments in football, basketball, and baseball. He was an All-state football player and made all-city teams in both football and baseball. In 1950, he captained the MBA football team. After graduating from Vanderbilt in 1954, Mr. Hawkins spent 5 years in the Navy. Presently, his myriad of activities include such positions as Junior Knot-hole Commissioner, Scoutmaster at TPS, Sunday school teacher, member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, member of the Naval Reserve, member of the Rotary Club, and Board member of the Woodmont Christian Church. Mr. Hawkins married Miss Lee Anne Allen, daughter of former headmaster and football coach Howard Allen, and they have three children ages six, seven, and eight.

1951

Robert Worrall, Jr., is the son of an MBA alumnus himself (his father is featured earlier in this article), and like his father, Mr. Worrall was an outstanding football player. At MBA he played halfback for three years and in his final year is remembered as the boy who scored the winning touchdown against Litton in the Clinic Bowl of 1950. He went on to play football at Vanderbilt and presently serves as the manager of the B & W Cafeteria.

1953

Mr. William J. Courtenay is the son of the Rev. Walter R. Courtenay of Nashville. At MBA he served as the photography editor of *The Bell*. Mr. Courtenay attended Vanderbilt University where he graduated cum laude in 1957. From Vanderbilt he went to Harvard Divinity School and earned his Ph.D. After several years of research in Germany and the Vatican Library, he was offered a teaching position at Stanford University. This he accepted and he specialized in Medieval history while at Stanford. Recently, Mr. Courtenay was offered a job to teach in the history department of the University of Wisconsin, and he has been at Wisconsin since last September.

1964

Mr. Tommy Forehand was active in the MBA athletic program, participating in both varsity football and baseball. He went to the University of Tennessee where he is now a sophomore. At Tennessee, he has been selected by the 2100 students in the ROTC program to serve on the Honor Board of that organization. He is also a squad leader in his Ranger troop, and, as his mother says, has become a Volunteer in name, spirit, and body.



FRENZIED BY THEIR EFFORTS to publish this issue in a scant four days, the Editors find themselves entrapped in the Satanic Predicament as Pandemonium reigns in the publications room.

Guest Feature:

RULES OF STYLE
(Especially Revised)

For those who will be catching up on studies during the Vacation, we are presenting a special guest editorial feature, "A Recapitulation of 'The Elements of Style'", which the staff of *The Gilman News* (The Gilman School, Baltimore) originally presented, with their own apologies to the style book's author, E. B. Bowles, "for our substitutions for certain peculiarities of his professional lingo."

1. Each pronoun must agree with their antecedents.
2. Join clauses good like a conjunction should.
3. When dangling, never use participles.



In this issue, the Kulture Korner will give a sneak preview of my revolutionary novel *An Economic Interpretation of Great Works in American Literature*. This book is the outgrowth of my ingenious new theory that literally all literature has a definite financial theme running throughout. Here are just a few of the works I examine and dissect:

Moby Dick. The most revolutionary economic theory in the world today, that of communism, may be traced right to this book, which appears to be only a simple allegory. The signs are evident throughout; equal rations for all the crew and midnight orgies on the quarterdeck with no class distinction to mention only the most obvious.

The Red Badge of Courage. The title itself is so obvious that Crane was almost laughed off Wall Street. The youth's bravery in the second battle was a result of his learning that the Rebels had sunk the Potomac Ferryboat, in which the lad had 10% interest. The red badge really refers to the symbolic way in which he bore his terrible loss.

AN ECONOMIC INTERPRETATION OF GREAT WORKS IN AMERICAN LITERATURE, by M. Philistine, Batavia; KK Press, 12 pages. Price, \$4.00.

Horton Hatches the Egg. By Dr. Suess, 65 years an economic adviser to the U.S. government, Horton may at first seem to be only the run-of-the-mill psychological allegory. However, Suess is really trying to indoctrinate the youth of this country to his methods so he won't be blamed for any mishaps (to use a favorite Suess word) made during his administration.

Business Week Magazine. As yet this is my toughest assignment, but by the time the book is finished, I'm sure I will find something economical here.

The book itself goes far deeper into these works than is possible here and also has many other books such as: the Dictionary, *Asymptotic Geometry and Calculus*, Shakespeare's plays (I prove that Shakespeare was really a Russian who migrated to California on an iceberg and settled down with a witty tribe of "Digger" Indians), and a famous speech given by our first astronaut, Ham the monkey.

THE MAD PHILISTINE

The Peckingham Papers

by Sir Anthony Liftgate

O.B.E., K.G., S.I.B.

My high-born English aristocratic sensibilities were struck in a decidedly uncomfy manner when it was brought to my attention that a plethora of boys from the area would be going to Florida for a spirited week of raucous entertainment, debauchery, and dissipation. As if the very selfsame boys were not already debauched and dissipated enough, must they travel far from their loving parents to seek new fields to conquer, new trysts to make?

O the times! O the customs! When I was a lad in Sussex, we followed our rightful morals. We did not accost unknown girls in the streets, but required a formal introduction before we could bring ourselves to even so much as ask the time of day from a young maid. Now, so has the moral fibre of our youth disintegrated that unacquainted lads and lassies commonly address each other in public with leering and suggestive attitudes and with not so much as a casual introduction, or without even the mutual knowledge of names.

Of course, I suppose this lack of sufficient respectability can in part be attributed to the glaring lack of established tradition which is evident in modern American institutions. Today's youth have no respect whatsoever for what has gone before them, and what their predecessors learned with difficulty has no bearing on their actions. Really, if a young sibling, before embarking on such a perilous journey (of the mind, of the spirit, and of the imagination), would question his *mater* and *pater* about the many sidetracks and dead ends on the bumpy road of life, he would undoubtedly find that wisdom is more easily garnered by vicarious methods.

4. Avoid unnecessary commas because if you use too many you confuse the reader who is trying to follow the train of thought and who is apt to resent getting involved in a lot of punctuation particularly if it is unnecessary or at least inadvisable but use commas whenever necessary.

5. Don't make your statements too positive; avoid "of course," "very," "most," and "obviously," unless absolutely necessary because it is completely ridiculous to be dogmatic—anyone who is dogmatic is a fool.

6. Use clear, simple language. Erudition is not incontrovertibly predicated on obfuscation by nugatory sesquipedalianism.

7. It is a mark of poor construction to carelessly split an infinitive.

8. The amount of space saved in a text by abbrevs. is negligible, and tends to be confusing, esp. if abbrevd. words occ. only once.

9. Try to keep your writing in the same tense throughout a section. We have had many examples in the *News* of contributors, certainly not editors—who wrote the first part of a paragraph in the present tense and then find themselves writing in another tense altogether. It will be better for them to stop and think exactly what they wanted to say in terms of time.

10. Avoid superfluous, repetitious, and duplicating redundancies.

11. Keep your writing restrained; unnecessary exaggeration occurred at least ten thousand times in the last *News*.

12. Be sure complete sentences without words left out.

13. Don't overdo the qualifying phrase; if you are not sure of the applicability of your statement, the universal, or almost universal, indicate the specific areas, if any, where you feel that application is, to a degree, more or less warranted, and let it go at that, without modifying (and/or qualifying or otherwise amplifying) the basic statement.

14. Avoid cliches like the plague; they always come home to roost if given an inch.

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Hoot Bit, Throws Fit

A band of gypsies trekked cautiously through the shadows of Count Dracula's castle. But they had no need to fear for, unbeknownst to them, the Count was thousands of miles away in that cradle of innocence, the Montgomery Bell Academy campus. What poor creature was this fiendish "Batman" attempting to delude? We were only too soon to find out that it was Kathy Williams.

It was on March 1, when Hoot Sarraat was practicing for the play "Bell, Book, and Candle," in which he was aptly cast as Shepherd Henderson, moral-libertine publisher from New York. He had just proposed to Kathy (Gillian) Williams. Here's how it happened:

Shep: (*passionately*): Gillian, will you marry me?

Gillian: I do

Shep: I'd like to hear that again.

Gillian: Shep, I will, I want to; you'll be my Shepherd and I'll be your flock.

After joining hands and voices in a modern rendition of "Indian Love Call" (reminiscent of Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald), they embrace. Here the arch-dead (alias envy, revenge, pride) entered the heart of Kathy, and she hit her lover upon the ear. Thinking it only jest, Hoot thought nothing of it. But the next day, Hoot had convulsions and his ear turned into a cauliflower. "Ha," laughed Mrs. Hollins, "that's what you get for having such long hair and never getting any sleep."

Hoot's condition grew graver and graver until at lunch the plagued boy found his solution. The Belle Meade Buffet was serving its delicious liver. Sarraat realized that the garlic in this tempting dish could cure the bite, and sure enough his ear resumed its accustomed state. In spite of the fact that he had to get his stomach pumped, he was well pleased. But he was soon shaking in his boots, for when the foiled fiend left, he cried, "Hoot Sarraat, I shall return! I'll disguise myself as Helen Halton and you will be mine."

Letters To Barnaby

Dear Barnaby,

Please help me. I was a typical Renaissance cavalier. But my father was apparently murdered and it seems that my uncle did it. But Barnaby, less than a month after his death, my mother married my uncle Claud. Ever since, my mind has been full of questions. How to be? What to believe? What to do? I tried to get Ophelia to help me, but she wanted to play Jocasta. Please advise.

Hamlet Jr.

Dear Hamlet,

Take Anacin.

Love, Barnaby

by Barnaby

Hopes and Fears

"None of them knew the color of the sky." Well, for their information, the color of the sky was grey, just like their hearts, for the juniors had just come out of Wallace Hall after taking, or rather being taken by, the S.A.T. Although the juniors were one and all in a rather dazed condition, I managed to solicit a few (expurgated) remarks from them about their trial by fire and combat:

Bill Terry: "They asked me about pop artists."

Elliot Jones: "We gotta beat Ryan tonight."

Jerry Greer (tearing his hair): "All I had to do was factor out X."

Rusty Lawrence: "Did you guys have any foreign languages on yours?"

Soon the members of the Centary Class will be basking in the freedom of the much waited-for SPRING HOLIDAYS. Some of us will be basking on the Sun-drenched shores of Florida; some, however, will merely be basking in lonely Nashville, with nothing to do.

Congratulations to Bob Bryant, who finally brought his new-found tarheel neighbor to a Basketball game for the scrutiny of the school. Bryant was heard to express a heartfelt desire to be left alone with his friend to finalize his friendship and to eternally consummate the aesthetic qualities of their mutually inspiring relationship. However, as I understand, his endeavors received a serious setback when it was announced that the dead end at the end of Bryant's street is being cut through. Tough Luck, Bob.

Congratulations to Rusty Lawrence and Jimmy Luton, who are going to spend their spring holidays at the famous resort area in the heart of the Everglades in Florida. This arrestingly different choice of vacations was made for the purpose of a dedicated, ruthless safari into the wilderness of the famous swamp to hunt Seminole Indians.

Congratulations to John Shahan, who was seen looking through the wrong end of an electron microscope at the engineers' open house at Vanderbilt.

Seen recently was a pile of stones above Scott Alden, who was buried maliciously under them because he persuaded Mr. Poston to make an unprecedented change in his grading system. The usually prodigious grades of Bob Bryant plummeted to new lows, and most of the "Smart" people followed suit. Bryant was heard repeatedly to say the following to Mr. Poston: "Curse you, Red Baron."

Congratulations to Joe Dixon, who was unprecedentedly awake one day during the last six weeks period.

Congratulations to Robbie Quinn, who now knows how deep the gas jet in the lab is.

We understand that Stewart Todd was in a quandary the other day because he was afraid he would have to quit his training room job and go to work; however, his difficulties were resolved and he is continuing his medicinal work for the remainder of the year.

Mike Craig has started a classical music club in eighth period in the library. It's about time some minds were lifted out of the gutter.

Poetry Corner:

The Constant Lover

by Sir Winston Evans
The Earl of Polak

I was struck by the

Beauty of her hand.

I tried to kiss her as, I say,

I was struck by the beauty of her hand.



SPIRITED CROWD at North game heckles the Yanks by waving a well-known California Republic "Bear flag." Find the headmaster and win an extra holiday; guess what Bracewell is saying to Blair and don't tell it to your mother.



Stanford



Chicago

College Profiles East to West

by Alex Nicholson

In this issue the "College Profile" is concentrating on no particular group of colleges or universities but rather is touching upon various institutions of special quality.

University of Chicago: Founded in 1837 from contributions by John D. Rockefeller, Standard Oil magnate, the University of Chicago is the most outstanding private university in the Midwest and certainly one of the greatest institutions of higher learning in the world. Concerned with academic excellence since its beginning, Chicago has long been a pioneer in higher education: it was the first institution to open its doors as a complete university, with graduate as well as undergraduate divisions; it departed from the usual custom in admitting women on an equal basis with men; and it initiated the first university home-study program and the four-quarter curriculum. The goal of the university has been to offer the finest possible liberal education and to promote advanced research by exceptionally able men.

The university, located on the south side of Chicago near the shore of Lake Michigan, enrolls 2400 undergraduates—1850 men and 550 women—and 4600 graduate students—7000 altogether. Four broad areas—Biological Sciences, Humanities, Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences—offer courses and majors in individual subject areas. Nine national fraternities and two local women's clubs join with the College Houses as sponsors and centers of social activity. Athletics, offered in many varsity and intramural sports, are pursued primarily for the sake of the individual participant. The University draws about 50% of its student body from the Midwest, 20% from the Northeast, and 10% each from the Southeast, the Southwest, and the West. Costs: \$2900, comprehensive fee; \$400 other.

Stanford University: Stanford is one of a handful of the world's universities which are at the same time independent, coeducational, non-denominational, and residential. It was begun by Leland Stanford, senator and leader in the railroad industry, in 1885 in memory of his son, who died at an early age. Fifteen miles from the Pacific Ocean, Stanford is located in Stanford, California, adjoining Palo Alto, a city of 50,000, and thirty miles south of San Francisco. Stanford draws 24% of its undergraduates from east of the Mississippi, 14% from West Central and Mountain States, and 59%

from the Pacific Coast. The Stanford campus, containing some 3800 acres, is a town in itself. The University admits approximately 850 men and 410 women as freshmen each year. Stanford operates on a four-quarter system, with three quarters—autumn, winter, and spring—equivalent to the usual two semesters of college work. Twenty-two national and two local fraternities and seven men's eating clubs provide ample opportunity for social events. The Stanford curriculum emphasizes both a broad liberal background and intense specialized study. Every student is required to take basic courses in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences under the General Studies Program. Because of the flexibility of the program, a student may spread these courses over his whole four years or finish them in his first two years. Two distinctive features of Stanford are the following: the Senior Colloquia, or discussion group courses, two of which each senior must take, stimulating analysis and thought and centering around the great and enduring issues of universal significance; and the Stanford Overseas Centers, branches of the University which many students attend for two quarters, in Germany, Italy, France, Austria, and England. Costs: \$3100.

St. John's College: Established in 1696 in the heart of colonial Annapolis, St. John's is one of the most radical and at the same time one of the most conservative colleges in the country. It enrolls 300 students—men and women—with a faculty of 37, in a four-year course of liberal education. The arresting feature of a St. John's education is that it is based entirely on a curriculum of 100 Great Books—written by the greatest thinkers in history. The first year concentration is on the Greeks, the second on the Romans and the writers of the medieval period, the third on the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and the final year on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. All students follow the same course. Their class time is divided among seminars, tutorials, discussions, laboratory sessions, and lectures. Reading assignments are staggeringly heavy and include some of the dullest books ever written. Outside activities are available, but most of them are study groups that supplement the regular course. Costs: \$2500, comprehensive fee, \$400 other.

from Harpeth Hall:



the bell witch

This is Hortense and Hazel bringing you some of the latest gossip straight from The Hallowed Hall.

We are happy to see that the eternal triangle is still bouncing between B' and D' and we look to Daytona for further developments. Next, we see a new M.B.A. jacket hanging in the halls! Could she with the help of Wilson be the first to conquer G.S.?

We are happy to announce that as the Tide rolls, so will the happy(?) two-some of four years. Many wonder if Bradley will "Parrish" between the kindred flames of love.

Maggie, are you wearing Geoff's AX pin again? Is this time for real, or is Crain just "Hunting" again? Does D.B. really give a Hoot if they are best friends?

From our point of view, it looks as if it is Blair's turn to Holder. Could schemes be brewing as the Redhead learns of her rival at Overton? Is M.L.B. really that interested in basketball? O yes, much luck to those of you whom we will see at the Hill Western Corral. We would also like to warn those girls at Seabreeze High to beware of the girls of '66. They have many plans for you!

Now as we leave you we would like to encourage you to give us something more to write about after Spring Vacation.

Get Busy!



ABOUT TO BUCKLE under the strain, Nicholson makes spectacular assist as "Smitson" blithely rises to the occasion.

Beauty and the Beast

Cynic and scholar, athlete and student leader and Christian is Grant Smithson, affectionately known around campus as "Smitson." Well concealed beneath a gruff-and-grum exterior of witty sarcasm, ironic humor, and cool detachment, there lies a strong spirit of individualism, dedication, and persistence, a spirit which is belied by Grant's typical comment of "Don't be hitter," or "who gives a f---!?"

Grant Smithson came to MBA in the ninth grade from Farmer School and has since distinguished himself as a leader in many activities, curricular and extracurricular. Grant was elected vice president of his freshman class and secretary of his junior class. He has been a member of the newspaper staff for four years and of the annual staff for three. Possibly the area of Grant's most significant activity is athletics. A varsity footballer for three years, he has also been successful on the varsity baseball and wrestling teams.

Not neglecting his studies despite such outside activities, Grant has maintained a high level of academic achievement at MBA. His several scholastic laurels include three years of membership in the Senior Honor Society, selection as a letter-of-commendation winner by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, and membership in many honors courses, including A. P. English and American History.

During his four years at MBA, Grant has, in addition, found time to join the H-Y club and the Youth Council and the Choir of West End Methodist Church. A former member of the Alpha Chi Fraternity, Grant is also the only senior participating in Junior Achievement, where he is production vice president of his company.

Looking to the future, Grant plans to attend either Tulane, Duke, Virginia, Rice, Stanford, or Harvard; if possible, he wants to go to Stanford on a scholarship.

Sun Voyage

(Continued from page one)

time their winning ways. We all pray that they will not have to come and reluctantly leave without seeing any more of their hard-won exploits.

Doug Neff will be exploring the West coast of Florida while two hardy adventurers, Bob Buchanan and Dunklin Bowman will be chaperoning a group of Harpeth Hall girls in Nassau; Winston Evans will be engaging in wild stories about his snaking everyone in Ft. Lauderdale; and F. Tirrill Parker and Bill "Speakeasy" Cockrill are still looking for rides to Daytona. Good luck!

Rumor has it that Fred Sheridan will attend the NCAA Finals in Portland, Ore. and that Butch Smith plans a trip to that "Big Ham Shack in the Sky."

Our sincere sympathy is extend-

The occasion is the regular meeting of the Immaculate Order of Ne'er-do-wells. There reigns a tumultuous pandemonium before the presiding officer of the society, The Absolute Dinosaur, calls the meeting to order with a gleeful cry of "I'm in; deal the cards!"

Despite his popularity as co-founder of the Immaculate Order, president of the club, and currently number-one ranked player, Alex Nicholson is also known for certain other accomplishments. Coming to MBA as a seventh grader from Farmer, Alex has proved his marked ability in almost every activity at the school. He has been treasurer of the seventh and eighth grade classes and is currently serving as Secretary of the Honor Council. He has been a member of the H-Y, Big Red, and Forensic Clubs for three years and a member of the debate team for four years. An active leader in the field of publications, Alex now serves as Associate Editor of *The Bell Ringer* and Features Editor of *The Bell*. In athletics, he has wrestled on the varsity team for the past three years, this year winning, as a member of MBA's undefeated N.I.L. champions, third place in the city tournament in the 115-pound weight class.

Though his successes in such extra-curricular fields have been many, undoubtedly Alex's most significant accomplishments have been in the area of scholarship.

Leading his class since the seventh grade, he has won seventeen academic medals in English, Latin, French, Science, History, and Mathematics. A member of the National Honor Society for five years, Alex in his junior year achieved a perfect score in the A.P.S.L. National Latin Contest and won a gold medal. He also placed second in the state in plane geometry in the T.M.T.A. State Mathematics Contest. This year he was honored as a National Merit Finalist. His success in taking college boards has been phenomenal: on each of the Chemistry, Latin, English, and Advanced Mathematics achievement tests, he scored a perfect 800. His single greatest honor, however, was his recent selection as a member of Totomoi.

Outside MBA, Alex is an Eagle Scout, a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and a member of Alpha Chi fraternity. In regard to his college attendance, Alex says, "Well, most likely I will go to Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, Duke, Tulane, Vanderbilt, or Rice, probably."

ed to two hard-working members of our class, Doug Martin and Jim Ragland who will be making money here in Nashville rather than spending it in Florida—until the L.R.S. catches up with Big Jim.

In all the Spring Vacation augurs a bright, boisterous, carefree interlude, one which is both well-deserved and well-needed. The exodus will start promptly at 12:30 this afternoon, so the staff of *The Bell Ringer* leave you with this parting thought: "EEZEY."

The Belle



MISS ELLEN EARLS

Miss Ellen Earls, a familiar face around the Montgomery Bell Academy campus, has been selected as this issue's Belle.

Before coming to Harpeth Hall, Ellen attended Farmer School and the Ensworth School. She has served in various student government positions and is currently vice-president of the Senior Class.

Ellen is very active in extra-curricular activities as is reflected by her being Vice President of her Athletic Club, the same office she holds in her sorority, the S.A.P. Club. She is extremely interested in her church youth work at First Presbyterian Church. An active supporter of MBA activities, she has been a spaghetti supper waitress for the past four years. She is interested in attending the University of Alabama or Vanderbilt next year.

To a very attractive and outgoing young lady, we wish the best of luck in all of her endeavors.

Forensic Frolic

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judge of their final debate lost the ballots.)

In the most important meet of the year, the Barkley Forum tournament at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, the speakers showed marked improvement over last year's performance. The debaters amassed a 6-4 won-lost mark, the first winning record in three trips. Host Sarvatt and Pat White each reached the semi-finals in oratory while Bill Cockrill reached the quarters in extemp. The total of 33 points placed the orators in a tie for nineteenth place out of the fifty-four schools represented at the tournament.

Upcoming contests include Saturday's Tennessee Speech and Drama League regional meet, and the Mid-South contest at Vanderbilt later this month.

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